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FOR EB/TD FROM USDEL TORREMOLINOS

1. COMMITTEE 8, RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS, MET TWICE
THIS WEEK. TOOK UP TEXT OF PREAMBLE AND AMENDMENTS
THERETO. USING ITU CHARTER STUDY GROUP REPORT AS BASIC
WORKING DOCUMENT, COMMITTEE TOOK PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH
APPROACH. MEXICAN AND ARGENTINE PROPOSALS TO MODIFY
PREAMBLE TEXT FAILED TO OBTAIN SUPPORT AND DIES.
CANADIAN PROPOSALS ON EDITORIAL CHANGES REFERRED TO
EDITORIAL COMMITTEE. AFTER LENGTHY DEBATE OVER REPLACE-
MENT OF TERM QUOTE COUNTRY UNQUOTE BY TERM QUOTE STATE
UNQUOTE, COMMITTEE DECIDED TO RETAIN PRESENT TERM
QUOTE COUNTRY UNQUOTE. GENERAL PHILOSOPHY OF
CHAIRMAN REFLECTED IN ABOVE DECISIONS IS THAT NO
CHANGES TO TEXT SHOULD BE MADE UNLESS CHANGE IS
REQUIRED OR COMPELLED BY SOME PROBLEM WITH PRESENT TEXT.

2. MOST DIFFICULT ISSUE DEALT WITH REMAINS UNDER
DISCUSSION--PROPOSED DELETION OF PHRASE QUOTE GROUPS OF
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TERRITORIES UNQUOTE AS UNACCEPTABLE COLONIALIST MANI-

FESTATION. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE, SYMPATHETIC WITH US, UK AND FRENCH POSITION ON RETENTION, HAS REQUESTED PROPOSALS OF ALTERNATE LANGUAGE TO REPLACE QUOTE THAT HORRIBLE WORD TERRITORIES UNQUOTE.

3. FIGHT TO DELETE QUOTE TERRITORIES UNQUOTE BEING PUSHED RELENTLESSLY BY ARGENTINA SUPPORTED BY ZAIRE, GDR, GHANA, HUNGARY AND OTHERS. USSR NOTED QUOTE TERRITORIES IS A PROVISIONAL TERM WHICH WILL PASS IN TIME UNQUOTE AND DID NOT SUPPORT DELETION NOW.

4. AT THIS POINT, IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER ALL THOSE WHICH HAVE SUPPORTED DELETION OF QUOTE TERRITORIES UNQUOTE SEEK SAME GOAL. ARGENTINA OBLIQUELY SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH DELETION OF THE TERM QUOTE TERRITORIES UNQUOTE WITHOUT ADVERSELY AFFECTING STATUS OF CERTAIN TERRITORIES WHICH ARE PRESENTLY MEMBERS. UPON SPECIFIC REQUEST OF CHAIR FOR PRECISE LANGUAGE IN THIS REGARD ARGENTINA WAS SILENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, ZAIRE SUPPORTED DELETION OF WORD QUOTE TERRITORIES UNQUOTE AND DENIAL OF RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP TO TERRITORIES. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHICH OF THESE VIEWS HAS THE GREATER SUPPORT.

5. IN LIGHT OF AUSTRALIAN STATEMENT THAT PAPUA-NEW GUINEA WAS NOW AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER AND MIGHT REPEAT MIGHT BE A MEMBER BY THE TIME THAT NEW CONVENTION/ CONSTITUTION ENTERS INTO FORCE, AUSTRALIANS WERE FLEXIBLE ON ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP DELETION BUT THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO BE RETAINED FOR NOW. OTHERS SUPPORTED RETENTION OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP, AND US VOLUNTEERED TO WITHDRAW ITS PROPOSAL THIS REGARD RATHER THAN OUST PNG, BUT GDR PUSHED FOR DELETION BECAUSE IT IS ANOTHER COLONIALIST MANIFESTATION. VOTE ON ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP QUESTION HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL COMMITTEE REACHES THESE PARAGRAPHS WHICH DEFINE THE TERMS OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP.

6. ARGENTINA HAS CALLED UPON ITU SECRETARIAT TO OBTAIN AND CIRCULATE UN RESOLUTIONS ON COLONIAL QUESTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALONG WITH ROLL CALL VOTING RECORD. SECRETARIAT HAS AGREED TO DO THIS NEXT WEEK. RESOLUTIONS TO BE CIRCULATED ARE: 1514 (XV); 2065 (XX); 2802 (2908 XXVII); 2918 (XXVII); AND 2980 8XXVII).

7. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT PLEASE REVIEW RESOLUTIONS IN QUESTION (INCLUDING US REASONS FOR VOTES AND EXPLANATION OF VOTE) TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE

FOR DELEGATION BY 0900 TUESDAY MADRID TIME. COMMITTEE 8
RECONVENES 0930 TUESDAY. ALSO CONSIDER IF WORDING
ACCEPTABLE TO REPLACE PHRASE QUOTE GROUP OF TERRITORIES
UNQUOTE COULD POSSIBLY BE OFFERED BY US DELOFFS IN
CONSULTATION WITH UK AND FRENCH DELEGATIONS EXPLORED
POSSIBLE USE PHRASE QUOTE STATES AND AREAS FOR WHICH
STATES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS UNQUOTE.

8. THIS PHRASE UNACCEPTABLE TO UK AND FRANCE. THE
UK SUGGESTS THAT QUOTE ENTITIES UNQUOTE OR QUOTE
GROUPS OF ENTITIES UNQUOTE MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE. FRENCH
HAVE SUGGESTED THAT QUOTE COUNTRY UNQUOTE WHICH,
AS REPORTED, HAS BEEN ADOPTED IN PLACE OF QUOTE STATE UNQUOTE
MIGHT OF ITSELF, ALONE AND UNMODIFIED BE INTERPRETED TO
ALLOW FOR MEMBERSHIP OF TERRITORIES.

9. ISSUE OF DELETION OF REFERENCE TO TERRITORIES WILL
MOST LIKELY COME TO VOTE. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO
PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON STATEMENT TO ACCOMPANY US NEGATIVE
VOTE ON DELETION.

10. IF SOME ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE IN PLACE OF QUOTE
GROUPS OF TERRITORIES UNQUOTE IS ACCEPTABLE TO
DEPARTMENT, PLEASE PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON STATEMENT TO
ACCOMPANY US VOTE IN SUPPORT OF SUCH A COMPROMISE.
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